

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Felony Hit and Run Collision

Location: Intersection of Thompson Blvd / Sanjon Rd

Date/Time Occurred: 3/6/2022 at 1051 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Patrol

Suspect(s): Miguel Esquivias (5/7/94) Ventura Resident

Report #: 22-14708

Narrative:

On 3/6/22 at approximately 1051 hours, the Ventura Police Command Center received a 911 call of a vehicle vs bicyclist collision that just occurred at the intersection of Thompson Blvd at Sanjon Rd. The caller advised the vehicle that had struck the bicyclist had fled from the scene and was last seen driving West on Thompson Blvd.

Ventura Police patrol officers arrived on scene and discovered the victim, a 51 year old male, had visible injuries that were treated by both Ventura City Fire and AMR upon their arrival. The victim was transported to the Ventura County Medical Center for further treatment. His status is unknown at this time.

Officers checked the surrounding area and were initially unable to locate the suspect vehicle which was only described as a dark gray or black sedan or suv with windshield damage. While still searching for the suspect vehicle, the Ventura Police Command Center received an anonymous tip that the suspect vehicle was parked on Comstock Dr., and that the suspect had covered the vehicle with a tarp. Officers responded to the location and found the suspect vehicle that had damage consistent with collision and also matched the vehicle that was found on video surveillance footage from surrounding businesses.

After conducting additional witness interviews, investigating officers were able to positively identify the driver of the vehicle as Miguel Esquivias. Esquivias was located at his workplace a short time later and was taken into custody without further incident. Esquivias was booked at the Ventura County Jail for 20001(a)VC – Felony Hit and Run with Injuries.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.